

**Omaha, NE** - Representative Lee Terry (NE-02) today issued the following statement upon learning of the passing of former Nebraska 3<sup>rd</sup> District Congressional Representative Virginia Smith:

"Today, Nebraska lost an icon. Mrs. Smith left a legacy of public service and community involvement that is still unmatched in Nebraska 's history.

Although an accomplished lecturer and activist on home economics and children's issues early in her life, Mrs. Smith came to the Nebraska political stage later in her career.

"First elected in 1974, she served eight terms in the House and was on the powerful Appropriations Committee. She had a reputation as one of the hardest working Members to serve in the House of Representatives. Virginia Smith set the bar high for all who followed her in the Nebraska delegation.

She was just a great role model as a politician--honest, energetic, and dedicated to doing a good job for her constituents."

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